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SUBJECT: BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA

IN MEETING DEC 21 BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE
SUBJECT OF MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE CAME UP. KOUNTCHE
ASID HE HAD SENT HIS FOREIGN MINISTER TO BOTH COUNTRYES TO URGE
RESTRAINT AND NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. HE WAS HOPEFUL
SOME KIND OF COMMISSION COULD BE QUICKLY ESTABLISHED TO TRAN-
QUILIZE SITUATION. HE DID NOT THINK NIGER COULD PLAY A MEDIATING
ROLE BECAUSE IT BORDERED ON BOTH COUNTRIES; BUT , HE IMPLIED
HIS SYMPATHIES LAY WITH UPPER VOLTA. HE WENT ON TO SAY THE
CONFLICT WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE FOR THE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES BECAUSE
IT GAVE OUTSIDE WORLD THE IMPRESSION THAT AS SOON AS THE HARVEST
HAD IMPROVED THE SAHEL COUNTRIES COULD ENGAGE IN LUXURY OF FIGHTING
AMONG THEMSELVES. HE ADDED THAT THE COMFOICT ALSO POSED PRO-
BLEMS FOR THE FRENCH WHO WERE BEING UNJUSTLY ACCUSED. IT WAS
NOT HOWEVER THEIR DOING.BUCHE

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